DEWAN: അപ്പോൾ നോക്കാം. മൂന്നാമതായി ചില ചിറകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞു. നെടുമങ്ങാട് താലൂക്കിലുള്ള പന്ത്രണ്ടു ചിറകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വിചാരണ ഇപ്പോൾ പൂർത്തിയായിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവയ്ക്കു എസ്റ്റിമേറു തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ ബാക്കിയുള്ളതിനേയും പറ്റി വിചാരണ നടത്തി വേണ്ടപോലെ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

[In regard to the first part of the representation relating to the damage caused by wild elephants, it is reported that wild elephants do not now frequent your places. As these animals do not have a fixed abode nor remain in specified tracts, it is not possible to capture them by digging a few pits here and there. Last year there was trouble from these beasts only in a single *poramboke* land. But as it is stated that these troubles have not yet abated, the matter will be enquired into again.

As regards the disafforestation of lands fit for cultivation in reserved forests in the Nedumangad taluk, an extent 50 acres of land called the Kuttathikarikkakam has already been made over to the Land Revenue Department for purposes of registry. There may be other small plots of land fit for cultivation here and there. But these are far away from inhabited places and their registry will be detrimental to the interests of forest conservancy. Further, as even the inhabited places are not free from the scare of wild elephants, the trouble will be greater in places near reserved forests.

In regard to the restoration of irrigation *chiras*, already 12 tanks in the Nedumangad taluk have been taken up for restoration and estimates for them will be prepared shortly. The remaining *chiras* will also be taken up after due enquiry.]

84. Certain Needs of the Attingal Municipality.

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR (*Municipal Council, Attingal*) spoke about the need for repairing the tank in front of the L. M. S. Hospital and the Attakkulam tank in the Attingal town and also for improving the spring near the Manomohanavilasam Palace and constructing a bathing ghat there. The last work had been sanctioned by the Municipal Council, but the work had not yet been started. A bathing ghat at Parakadavu was also very necessary. They were very useful to the public and the works could be finished without incurring much expenditure.

The existing number of wells in the town was inadequate to meet local needs. More wells should therefore be sunk and the existing ones repaired.

Many of the lanes in the town were being closed and portions registered. That should not be done. All the lanes should be opened, widened and maintained properly.

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The markets in the town were not in a very satisfactory condition. They should be improved. The cattle market was being held on a rented land which the Municipalty had resolved to acquire. The market should also be maintained properly.

The municipal office should be housed in a suitable building. The President of the Municipal Council was trying to acquire a house for holding the office. That house was quite unsuitable for the purpose and its acquisition should not therefore be sanctioned. With the construction of a new building for holding the Municipal Office, a public hall should also be erected.

A public recreation ground for the town was an absolute necessity. For some time past, the public were using the premises of the Manomohanam Palace as a recreation ground but their use had been prohibited.

A cremation ground, a night-soil depot and a cart-stand were other indispensable needs of the town.

The premises of the public offices were kept in a very insanitary condition. They were not even swept daily. The court-house was congested. There was no waiting room or shed for the clients. There was once a shed used for the purpose; but it had since been converted into an office. The court-house should be extended and the municipality made responsible for the sanitation of the premises.

Lastly, the existing number of street lights was quite inadequate for the town. They were also not properly distributed. The Municipal Council had already addressed the Government in the matter. The lights should be rearranged and more lights provided for the town.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar, your suggestions for the improvement of the town will be noted by Government.

As regards tanks, the correspondence between the Municipality and the Maramat Department has been going on for a long time and I do not wish to go into the matter in detail.

As to the springs at the bathing ghat, you say that repairs to one and the construction of the other have been sanctioned by the Municipality. I shall call for a report from the President on the matter.

With regard to lanes, you say that there are encroachments. That is a matter which cannot be taken up on a vague allegation. If the Municipality brings to the notice of Government any particular instance of a lane being encroached upon, it will be attended to by the Land Revenue Department.

With regard to the widening of the lanes and acquisition of lands, I think that it is likely to be a very costly scheme. I shall look into this matter also.

As regards the market, you said that the Municipal Council has addressed the Government. That matter will be considered by Government and orders passed.

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Then you wanted a building to house the Municipal Office. Orders have been passed by the Government for the acquisition of a site. If the Municipality is not in a position to find out a site, it may pass a resolution, prepare a scheme, submit it Government and then Government will consider it.

MEMBER: I am saying that as a member of the Municipality.

DEWAN: There are certain matters which have to be disposed of by means of official correspondence between the Municipality and the Government. If the Municipality addresses the Government, they will consider it.

As regards the public offices compound, I understand that all the officers who are using the various buildings in that compound have been addressed and asked to arrange for the premises attached to their respective offices being kept in a sanitary condition.

MEMBER: But as a matter of fact the premises are not kept clean.

DEWAN: Let the Municipality report about it. Then about lights, the Municipality did address the Government and the Municipal Council was asked to provide its own funds and, if it was not possible, to apply to Government.

85. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. KANAKKU MARTANDA PILLAI PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil taluk*) first spoke about the need for constructing bridges across the Puttanar, the Kochar and the Mamam rivers. Formerly there were two wooden bridges across the Puttanar, but they had long since been damaged. The people and the school-going children were put to much hardship and inconvenience for want of bridges over the Puttanar. The ferry service did not meet their requirements fully. Bridges should therefore be constructed over the river without delay. Another bridge should be constructed across the Kochar which was mid-way between Chirayinkil and Kadakkavur, an important coir manufacturing centre. There also there was a bridge in days gone by. The ferry service was not sufficient fully to meet the requirements of the public. The river was only 25 feet wide and a wooden bridge could be constructed over it without incurring a large expenditure. Another bridge across the Mamam river was absolutely necessary for the use of the agriculturists. A small wooden bridge, 4 feet wide, on the northern or southern side of the Sarkara temple, would be sufficient and should be constructed at an early date. A bridge should also be constructed at the Azhur ferry.

The Valiakada market at Chirayinkil, where three thousand people gathered daily, was located in an area of only ten cents of land. As the market was situated very close to the public road, where there was incessant motor traffic, accidents, resulting in loss of lives, happened not infrequently. There was a distance of only four furlongs from that market to the Parvathipuram market, which was also located close to

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